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Scene I.—Chapel Scene.—The Wedding of Robin Hood and Maid Marian.

Instrumental, "Sunrise—May morning," Recit., Bass, "Friends and Brother Saxons." Wedding March. Song and Duet, Soprano and Tenor, "Through weal and woe." "Ave Maria, Ave Maria," Seene II.—May-day Festivities—The Trysting Tree.

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INCIDENTS IN THE LIFE OF MOZART. By W. B. M. MEASOR.

Just three years before the death of the immortal Handel, whose works had attracted the attention of the musical world for their great originality and sublime conceptions, it was destined that a man equally remarkable and not less gifted should confer honour upon the same Fatherland. John Chrysostom Wolfgang Gottlieb Mozart was born at Salzburg, in Austria, on the 17th of January, 1756, and possessing in a rare degree those natural qualifications for excellence in the science and art of music with which few are endowed, he had the advantage of being under the guidance of a father who was no mean musician himself, and soon learned to appreciate that astonishing gift which his son had inherited and which was to render his name famous to all future generations. The history of Mozart is the history of a musical prodigy. Like the "divine Raphael" in a sister art, his life was cut short at a comparatively early age, but his musical career commenced with his childhood, and during the few years of his life he achieved a reputation in almost every department of music such as no other master of the art has ever attained. He was not three years of age when his father perceived indications of that wonderful genius that was hereafter to astonish the world. What to other children was a work of time, and irksome withal, the young Mozart mastered without the slightest difficulty. It required no more than half an hour's study to enable him to perform a minuet on the piano, and the most difficult pieces were performed by him with the utmost accuracy and precision by an apparently intuitive effort. Nothing seemed to be beyond his powers, and by the time he had attained his fifth year, he could not only play any piece that was placed before him, but had nenced to form compositions of his own, which his father, before whom he performed them, committed to writing. It is a remarkable fact that, in proportion to the progressive development of his musical genius, Mozart lost all taste for those boyish amusements in which children of his age are in the habit of engaging. Music had enthralled his soul to such a degree that he was her captive, and hers alone. No pastime could afford him the slightest interest where music did not form a part. corroboration of this, it is asserted that an attached friend of the family would occasionally assist him in removing his toys and playthings from one room to another, but on such occasions we are told that Mozart would not allow such a removal to take place unless it were accompanied by a song or a march played on the violin by one of the party.

Before he had completed his sixth year it was determined to exhibit to the world this youthful prodigy, and his father, with a parent's pride, resolved to display his son's extraordinary powers in he had a daughter who accompanied them in their the organ and the pianoforte, created the greatest

travels, and whose likeness was painted, conjointly with that of her gifted brother, by Carmontelle, and engraved during their subsequent visit to Paris, in 1763. The expectations which Mozart's father had formed respecting the success of this tour were abundantly realised, for not only did his son command the admiration and applause of the musical world and the public, but he also attracted the notice of monarchs, who vied with each other in testifying by their munificence to his surpassing genius. Munich was chosen to be the scene of their début, and whilst in this city, Mozart and his sister played several times in the presence of the Elector of Bavaria. They then proceeded to Vienna, where they soon received the commands of the Emperor, Francis the First, to repair to Schönbrunn and enliven the imperial court with their wonderful performance. During this visit many anecdotes are related of the young Mozart. The Emperor and the Empress, Maria Teresa, loaded him with caresses and presents; and his father relates, in a letter to a friend, that on one occasion the boy, in a moment of gratitude, sprang on the lap of the Empress, took her round the neck, and kissed her. He had now far outdistanced his father in musical knowledge, and began to feel his superiority as a musician to those by whom he was usually surrounded. He had a great reluctance to perform before those who were not capable of appreciating the power with which he could command the instrument. On one occasion, it is stated that, when about to play before the Emperor, observing that his audience consisted of courtiers only, he said, "Is Herr Wegenseil not here? he understands music." This worthy, who was the imperial chapel master, at length arrived, Mozart not having dared to commence in his absence. latter then appeared to feel relieved, and cried out, "I am going to play a concerto of yours, you must turn over the leaves for me."

The Emperor, who used to call him his little magician, remarked to him that there was nothing extraordinary in being able to perform on the piano when the player saw the keys. Mozart, without a moment's hesitation, had the keys covered and played as before. "There is something which I should like you to try," said the Emperor; "your familiar spirit has as yet achieved nothing remarkable. If you can play with but one finger, I shall acknowledge that to be indeed worthy of him." Mozart was not dis-concerted, appearing not to regard the request as anything extraordinary, and with the greatest ease, and to the astonishment of all present, he played several pieces in the manuer prescribed. children of his tender years, he was not abashed in the presence of Royalty, but made himself perfectly at home in the Imperial court, and became quite a pet amongst the ladies. He was one day wandering up and down in the palace, accompanied by two archduckesses, when he slipped and fell upon the polished The Archduchess Marie Antoinette, afterfloor. wards the unhappy Queen of France, lifted him up and spoke some kind words to him, "You are a dear good lady," said Mozart, "and you shall be my wife."

In 1763, Mozart, accompanied by his father and the principal capitals of Europe. By these means he sister, set out on another and more extended journey. doubtless hoped to reimburse himself for the heavy They travelled through a great part of Germany, Merifices of time and income which he had incurred and in every place where they appeared, the wonderin the education of his children; for, besides his son, ful performances of the youthful musician, both on

enthusiasm, and were rewarded with substantial, and and in the case of Mozart it certainly must have even splendid tokens of admiration. His fame had appeared remarkable that a mere child should in preceded him to Paris, where he was received with great kindness and distinction by the Bavarian ambassador. At Versailles he was presented to the accomplished his task, we are told, to the astonish-Royal Family, and played on the organ in the ment of every one. He had never seen either the King's Chapel in a style equal to that of the very best masters. Besides taking part in two concerts at Paris, he composed several sonatas, and universally received the homage due to his genius. In the following year he visited England, and was much patronised by George III., who was a good musician, and fully appreciated the talents of the young artist. During his residence in London, at a time when he was slowly recovering from an illness which had placed his life in danger, he composed a symphony which in for a full orchestra, besides six sonatas, which he proached. dedicated to the Queen.

There is a singular account of Mozart, who was astonishing everybody by his remarkable powers at asconsing everybody by his remarkable powers at so young an age, contained in a letter from the Honourable Daimes Barrington to Dr. Maty, the Secretary of the Royal Society. It is dated Novem-ber 28, 1769, and appears in the "Philosophical Transactions," vol. 60. After alluding to this wonderful boy, who was then taking the musical world by storm, he gives an instance of his precocious and unprecedented powers, and endeavours to explain to the uninitiated the difficulties with which he had to contend. "I carried to him," said he, "a manuscript duet, which was composed by an English gentleman to some favourite words on Metastasio's opera of Demofoonte. The whole score was in five parts, viz., accompaniments for a first and second violin, the two vocal parts, and a bass. Let it be imagined, therefore, that a child of eight years old was directed to read five lines at once, in four of which the letters of the alphabet were to have different powers, For example, in the first line A to have its common powers; in the second that of B; in the third that of C; in the fourth that of D. Let it be conceived also that the lines so composed of characters with different powers are not ranged so as to be read at all times one exactly under the other, but often in a desultory manner. Suppose, then, a capital speech in Shakespeare, never seen before, and yet read by a child of eight years old with all the pathetic energy of a Garrick. Let it be conceived likewise that the same child is reading with a glance of his eye three different comments on this speech tending to its illustration, and that one comment is written in Greek, the second in Hebrew, and the third in Etruscan characters. Let it be also supposed that by different signs he could point out which comment is most material upon every word, and sometimes that erhaps all three are so, at others only two of them. When all this is conceived, it will convey some idea of what this boy was capable of in singing such a duet at sight in a masterly manner from the score, throwing in at the same time all its proper ac-companiment." When we read of children who have been able to carry on the most elaborate processes of mental arithmetic, and have arrived at results which could be attained by men who had given their whole lifetime to figures only, after a course of that Mozart would one day be without a rival. The

order to gratify his passion for music, be able to set at naught apparently physical impossibilities. He accomplished his task, we are told, to the astonishwords or the music before, but yet, without a moment's hesitation, he interpreted the ideas of the composer in a manner which not even the most experienced musician could have surpassed. But a life which was begun with so much mental strain was not likely to endure. The constant tax upon his powers which Mozart was daily in the habit of inviting, though perhaps hastening his decay, enabled him to enrich the world of music with compositions which in their peculiar line have never been an-

He remained fifteen months in England, and then sailed for Holland. After passing through Flanders, he paid a second visit to Paris, and afterwards made the tour of the south of France and of Switzerland. returning, after an absence of three years, to his native city. He here devoted himself for some time with the greatest ardour to the higher branches of musical composition and to the diligent study of the works of the best writers on counterpoint, Emanuel, Bach, Hassé, and Handel being his models. The ancient Italian masters he also regarded with much favour, considering them in many respects greatly

superior to the modern.

In 1768, when about twelve years of age, he revisited Vienna, and there, at the command of the Emperor Joseph II., composed an opera buffa, which was entitled, "La Finta Semplice." It was at this early period of his career that he was for the first time exposed to the envy and detraction which sooner or later fall to the lot of all who become the objects of the favour and applause of the public whilst others are competing for the like reward. So powerful was the party leagued against him in Vienna that his opera was never performed, although it had elicited the praise of connoisseurs like Hassé and Metastasio. But however keenly the young and sensitive artist may have felt and resented the too successful machinations of those who envied or were incapable of appreciating his genius, the memory of the disappointment to which he was subjected was soon effaced by a visit to Italy, the land of poetry and song, which at that time held the same undisputed pre-eminence in music which for so many years it asserted in the sister arts of painting and sculpture. His reception here must have been very gratifying to his feelings, especially after the cold neglect which he had endured in the country he had just left. Whilst at Milan he was commissioned to compose an opera for the aproaching carnival, and at the age of fourteen wrote his Mithradates, which had twenty representations, and brought him much applause. In Bologna, in Florence, and in Naples he excited the liveliest enthusiasm amongst the susceptible Italians, and received many marks of distinction, as preludes to the still higher honours which awaited him in Whilst at Bologna, it was predicted by Rome. P. Martini, celebrated in the science of counterpoint, laborious calculations on paper, we may regard nothing to be impossible to that intuitive power which is the mark of true genius. The wonder seems to be, as it appears to have struck Mr. Barrington, that mechanical difficulties are overcome, Po

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that he entered the Eternal City, and it may easily he imagined with what eagerness he would repair to the Sistine chapel to listen to the sublime music for of that music, for instance, the Miserere of Allegri, no copies are allowed to be taken, under severe penalties for the infraction of the rule. But the phibition was useless where Mozart was concerned. He had placed himself in a corner, and gave particular attention to the piece as it proceeded. On leaving the chapel he made a note of the whole, and having, on Good Friday, attended a second performance, and assured himself of the accuracy of the copy which he had made, and which he held concealed in his hat, he attended next day before the Academy, and, to the astonishment of all who heard him, he accompanied himself on the piano, whilst he sang before the assembled musicians the very music of Allegri, which it was supposed no one would be able to give unless furnished with a copy, which the rules honours which of the Vatican had apparently rendered it impossible native country. to obtain. This wonderful feat produced a great sensation in Rome, and people began to believe that the sportive allusion of the Emperor to Mozart's familiar spirit had some foundation in fact, and a report gained ground that the remarkable faculty with which he appeared to be gifted, resided in the talismanic effect of a ring which he wore. On hearing this, the supposed magician drew the ring from his finger, and showed the groundlessness of the current idea by exhibiting no signs of any diminution of that wonderful power of execution which had hitherto astonished his auditors. Mozart's triumph was now complete. He was loaded with honours and admitted to an audience by the Pope, Clement XIV., who desired that the extraordinary child should be presented to him. The Holy Father, far from upbraiding him for having transgressed the rule laid down relative to Allegri's music, accorded to him a most racious reception, and in recognition of his wondergracious reception, and in recognition of the ful talents, Mozart received from the hands of the Golden Pontiff the cross and order of a knight of the Golden

We are now approaching that period of Mozart's career when the scene changes, when -the wonder of his childhood having passed away—the world seemed to grow indifferent to its former idol, and when, instead of being caressed by princes and extolled by musicians and dilettanti, he was doomed to encounter opposition and to struggle with poverty. Not long before his departure for Italy he had been appointed chapel master to the Archbishop of Cologne, but that prelate seems to have been incapable of ap-preciating the value of Mozart's talent. The latter preciating the value of Mozart's talent. The latter ing leature in the man tarters, who had walked had laboured most assiduously in his service, and had mother, and three or four villagers, who had walked produced a number of compositions, including masses, litanies, and concertos, but was never able her, bent over the heroine and pointed up to the to awaken the apathetic ecclesiastic to a sense of his merit, or to extort from him any augmentation of the scanty pittance which was annexed mechanical matter, which might, like every other

a theme was furnished him for a fugue for four as a salary to the office which he held. He had voices. In half an hour he had performed his part, and immediately received his diploma, an honour to become more and more disgusted with the which had never before been granted to one of so treatment to which he was now ignominiously young an age. He was much sought after in the exposed. He resolved, therefore, to abandon his young an age. The was maken sought and the tory once more his fortune in the he was desirous of hastening his journey to Rome, as world, being on this occasion accompanied by his he was anxious to be present there during the mother. In the German Courts which he visited, he solemnities of the Holy Week. It was at this season was admired and applauded as before, for his genius could not fail to attract the attention of all true lovers of music. In Gluck, whose acquaintance he made in Vienna, he found a kindred spirit, and which the services of that holy season are so chebrated. It is well known that of some portions acquired those principles of the musical art which were so successfully developed in his subsequent dramatic compositions. He was equally anxious to be introduced to the celebrated Haydn, whom he ever afterwards spoke of and regarded as his master in those studies to which they both so effectually devoted their time and attention. But, much as the commanding genius of Mozart could not fail to be recognised, it seemed powerless to obtain for its possessor more than barren praise. After in vain lingering in Munich in the hope of obtaining from the Elector, who had been one of the most ardent admirers of his early performances, some situation worthy of his talents and of his fame, he at length determined to revisit Paris, and seek in that capital for something more solid than the merely empty honours which he was able to reckon upon in his

(To be continued.)

THEATRICAL ORCHESTRAS.

BY HENRY C. LUNN.

THE engagement of an orchestra in a theatre exclusively devoted to dramatic entertainments has always appeared to us one of those absurd anomalies which only exists because nobody thinks of questioning the rationality of it. In the olden times of musical melodramas and operatic comedies, there could be no question that it was an indispensable portion of a theatrical establishment. The lessee had then to engage not only a band, but a director of the music, who was forced to work to order, and consequently to produce innumerable compositions which he might himself despise. If a melodrama, for instance, were brought into the theatre and accepted, a memorandum of the music required was immediately given into the hands of the composer to the theatre, with an understanding that it should be ready for rehearsal on a certain day. As he was usually well up to the business of the stage, however, this was generally a work of little time. Tender strains ushered in the "acknowledged heroine; grim discords announced the villain; "hurries" were got ready for the combats and struggles; and a comic song for the faithful countryman. As the principal female character had been, of course, inveigled from her native village, the overture would usually contain a reminiscence of her happy home, which reminiscence would probably be repeated at intervals throughout the piece, and form a distinguishing feature in the final tableau, when the father, five hundred miles over the mountains in search of

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mechanical matter, be acquired by sufficient practice; songs, with neither wit, humour, nor even common but the possession of an orchestra in those times very often urged managers of theatres to commit all sorts of musical absurdities, simply because they felt (and very naturally too) that if the band and the caught up and repeated in the streets, or even (we composer had not something of importance to do in the majority of pieces produced, they were really paying them their salaries for nothing. Thus, songs were often introduced into dramas, having not the slightest relation to the situations in which they occurred: and as they were usually sung either by comedians who were not vocalists, or vocalists who were not comedians, it rarely happened that the addience considered them in any other light than as heard, at a price within the reach of all lovers of most impertinent interruptions to the dialogue.

"Theatrical music" is now, however, rapidly passing away; and we need scarcely say that, as regards the healthy progress of art and artists, the sooner it is extinct the better; for it is in our recollection that many clever composers have, as hack "directors of the music" at theatres, frittered away a talent which, in a more genial atmosphere, might have been cultivated to a good result.

But how does it happen that, with the dying out of this class of music, the orchestra itself does not die out with it? When the curtain falls, after a burst of intense passion in a drama, or an excellently contrived situation in a witty comedy, does it add to the effect for the band to commence a popular waltz, or the menuetto and trio from a classical symphony? Does it not involve, too, a most absurd incongruity of ideas to hear (as we did a short time ago) Weber's wonderfully romantic and descriptive overture to Der Freyschütz as a prelude to the "screaming" farce of "The Goose with the Golden Eggs." The truth is that in such a situation an orchestra is degrading alike to art and artists; for if the performers of which it is composed are bad, nobody wishes to hear them; and if they are good, their talents are utterly wasted.

It may, however, be asked (in the interest of orchestral performers), if we were to get rid of an organized band in all our theatres, what would become of the many talented instrumentalists who would thus be thrown out of employ? To this we answer most decidedly that it would be the very best thing that could occur for them. The concert-room and the opera-house are their only legitimate homes; and as soon as it is felt that there are competent instrumentalists ready for an engagement, and that theatres have discarded the idea of music, concertrooms will be opened in the metropolis, and not only will orchestral performers receive constant employment, but they will speedily, by continually practising together, become fully capable of executing the works of the great masters. It is the very fact of the theatres employing orchestras which prevents this orchestral players to become reliable and ready members of an efficient band for the concert-room. It would, indeed, be a painful reflection were we to consider that the present "music-halls" should in the slightest degree supply the want we have mentioned. It is certainly true that good music has been occasionally performed at these establishments; but,

sense, to recommend them, are in these "halls" nightly thrust before the audience (if audience it can be rightly called) until some catch-word or line is are sorry to say) in the drawing-rooms, of our great metropolis, sufficiently often to warrant a publisher in advertising it as the song "everybody is asking for," and in sticking it in his window with an idiotic coloured illustration, which must offend every in-

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Were the idea of establishing concert-rooms, where music, eventually to be carried out, the absurd discrepancy between the terms given to the most thoroughly competent orchestral players, who have throughout the evening the most onerous duties to perform, and the petted vocalists, who merely sing two or three songs, which they have perhaps known for years by heart, must be forced upon all who are really interested in the result. It is with us, and always has been, a matter of deep regret to see artists of high reputation in the orchestras of theatrical establishments; but when we reflect that some of the very best of these performers, even when they are called upon to play important solo parts in the concert-room, often receive scarcely one quarter of the terms freely given to a second-rate singer at the same concert, it is scarcely to be wondered at that a permanent engagement, even at a small salary, should be retained by them as a reliable source of income. This is, of course, not as it should be; and most assuredly not as it would be, were talent in all departments of the art appreciated according to its intrinsic, and not its current, value. It is no argument to say that people will have a thing. People will have false jewellery, but real jewellery is always estimated at its worth; and there are those who would rather wear one exquisite gem than cover themselves with imitations to dazzle the eyes of the ignorant. May this not be so with music? Will not true art and true artists one day reign supreme; and when that day arrives, and the best works only are placed before the public, will not those who are most competent to perform them be tempted from a drudging life of small certainty into a bright and hopeful career in the true world of art?

HERR GOLDSCHMIDT'S "RUTH."

This "Sacred Pastoral," which was written for and produced at the last Hereford Festival, was performed for the first time in London at Exeter Hall on the 17th ult. The impression made upon us by the work on a first hearing has been strengthened by a second performance; and although there can be no question that the super-abundance of accompanied recitative throughout the idea from being fully carried out; for, as every young composition has a somewhat wearying effect, the excellent performer, as soon as he is competent, applies for a and musician-like manner in which the subject is handled, theatrical engagement, it is impossible to train and more especially the refined treatment of the character of Ruth, cannot but be felt and acknowledged by all un-prejudiced hearers. The dramatic colouring which Herr Goldschmidt has given to the different scenes into which his work is divided is a point which cannot be too highly praised; and it is especially noticeable that where the action of the Oratorio ceases to take place amongst pastoral surroundings, the character of the music is carefully and thoughtfully in keeping with the altered nature disguise it as we will, there is little doubt that the of the narrative. Into the choruses the composer has real attraction has nothing whatever to do with the thrown all his strength; the stirring fugue in "The eyes that he is fully and thoughtung in the choruses the composer has real attraction has nothing whatever to do with the art, except in its most degraded aspect. "Comic" of the Lord" giving unmistakeable proof that he is fully

capable of handling his materials with a master-hand. The opening chorus "Sing unto the Lord," is also an excellent instance of good solid harmony; and it may be excellent listance of good social distributions, and it may be mentioned that in spite of good vocal effects, the voices are, as a rule, treated with praiseworthy tenderness. Amongst the more placid choral pieces, we may select the choral quartett "Blessed are the pure," and the chorus, "Thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands," both of which are melodious and delicately harmonised. solos scarcely stand out from the work with sufficient prominence to be used as detached pieces; but they are generally in character with the situations in which they occur. Ruth's solo "Whither thou goest," is an excellent example of impassioned declamation; but few of the airs give much scope for the vocalists to create any individual success. We need scarcely say that Madame Goldschmidt, who sang the part of Ruth, threw an intensity of expression into the music which produced a marked effect upon son into the master when protected a market elect upon the audience. Madame Patey, in Naomi, was, as usual, thoroughly efficient; and Mr. Santley, in Boaz, gave the utmost meaning to every phrase. Mr. Monten Smith may also be congratulated upon the manner in which he sang the recitatives allotted to him. The chorus and band were excellent; and Herr Goldschmidt, who conducted his work, received an ovation both on entering and leaving the orchestra.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.

The proprietors of this establishment have paid a compliment to those music lovers who patronise operas out of "the season" by producing some of the very best works during the short Autumn Session, which commenced on the 8th ult. Don Giovanni, Fidelio, Les Huguenots, Le Nozze di Figaro, Robert le Diable, &c., have been the chief attraction, in spite of the occasional light operas which have been sparingly given, as if to feel the musical pulse of the public with reference to future "popular nights." All these works have been excellently cast; but as there has been little novelty, we have only to chronicle, with extreme pleasure, the undoubted success of the undertaking. Mesdlles. Tietjen, Ilma di Murska, and Sinico, Signori Mongini, Gardoni, and Mr. Santley have been singing their very best; and Signor Antonucci has proved himself a good and reliable bass in Madlle. some parts fully sufficient to test his powers. Ilma di Murska in assuming the character of Ophelia. in M. Ambroise Thomas's Hamlet, has by no means mis-calculated her strength. Throughout the opera she sang with exquisite refinement and delicacy; and in the "mad scene" created a genuine effect, notwithstanding that the triumph of her predecessor in the part, Madlle. Nilsson, was fresh in the mind of the audience.

CRYSTAL PALACE.

Ir would be impossible to deny that Mendelssohn's Ottet in E flat—played by all the stringed instruments of the orchestra, with the addition of double-bass parts, supplied by Mr. Manns-was a real success; but we cannot believe that the Saturday Concerts at this establishment will gain credit by such a performance. The principle once admitted of tampering with great works, can lead to nothing but "sensational" effect, at the expense of what should be held as the sacred feelings of established composers; and indeed we see no reason why following out this idea, quartetts should not be multiplied to suit the size of the room, or even solos strengthened by a duly organized choral body. Mr. Manns, in his letter to Richter, printed in the book of words, argues well in defence of his principle; but we cannot agree with him that Mendelssohn, were he living would "freely forgive" him, even for the sake of having his work heard at the Crystal Palace Concerts. The programmes of the performances during the month have been on the whole acceedingly good; but the vocal music is still the weak at Messrs. Erard's, assisted by Miss Jessie Royd, who was resint.

THE first of Mr. Lansdowne Cottell's series of Winter Soirées was held at his residence, Norfolk Road House, Bayswater, on the 11th ult. The performers were chiefly Mr. Cottell's pupils, who, on the whole, exhibited a satisfactory degree of proficiency both as vocalists and pianists. On the 4th ult., Mr. Cottell commenced his Choral réunions for the season, when several works of the great masters were rehearsed.

THE London Welsh Wesleyan Methodists (West End Branch) held their first anniversary on Monday evening, the 8th ult, at the Young Men's Christian Association Rooms, Great Marlborough-street, which were filled to overflowing. The choir (under the superintendence of Mr. T. Francis), contributed some excellent anthems and part-songs. Several solos were also given; and the meeting—which lasted nearly four hours—closed with the Welsh National Anthem, and a vote of thanks to the chairman, E. Davies, Esq.

THE New Polyhymnian Choir's public rehearsal, on the 6th ult., attracted a very numerous audience. The soloists were Miss Dixon, Miss Lowry, Miss Avery, Messrs. Blinks, Robinson and Blake. Messrs. Barker and Hichler gave a duet for flute and violin, and Mrs. Paulsen a solo on the pianoforte Several part-songs and madrigals were sung by the choir with much precision and feeling. next rehearsal will be devoted to Acis and Galatea.

THE first of a series of select musical and literary Friday evenings, took place at the School Room, Packington Street, Islington, on the 19th ult., and proved a decided success. The programme was well selected and creditably performed; Mr. Roskilly's recitations, and Mr. Wood and the Misses Lowry's songs being especially attractive. Mr. W. Robinson was the conductor, and Mrs. Paulsen the accompanist.

A CONCERT on behalf of Mr. S. Foulds, was given at Burdett Hall, on the 27th October; vocalists, Miss Kate Frankford, Miss Amy Linnington, Miss Kind, Wr. Albert James, Mr. G. Vigay, Mr. J. A. Latta and Mr. F. A. Bridge. The Poplar Glee and Madrigal Union (under the direction of Mr. L. Hinton), contributed several part songs, etc. Master S. Corne played a solo on the pianoforte, and Miss A. Frankford was the accompanist.

A SUCCESSFUL Concert was given, under the direction of Mr. F. A. Bridge, to the convalescent patients, officials, etc., in the London Hospital, on Monday evening officials, etc., in the London Hospital, on Monday evening the 8th ult., the waiting-hall—which will accommodate about 600—being crowded. The vocalists were Miss Blanche Burr, Miss M P. Harding, Mr. Arthur Thomas, and Mr. F. A. Bridge, Miss E. Stirling presiding at one of Messrs. Collard and Collard's grand pianofortes (kindly lent for the occasion). The programme was an excellent one. There were several encores, which were in most cases responded to. Several of the principals of the Hospital were present, and the concert terminated with a cordial vote of thanks to the artists, proposed by the Rev. T. A. Purdy, the chaplain, and seconded by Mr. Nixon the house governor.

On Thursday, the 28th October, Miss E. Stirling gave a performance at Wycliffe Chapel, E. on the new organ recently erected by Mr. Jones, of Fulham Road. The pieces were interspersed with vocal selections by the following artists (under the direction of Mr. F. A. Bridge): —Miss Mabel Brent, Miss M. P. Harding, Mr. Arthur Thomas, and Mr. F. A. Bridge. The capabilities of the organ were shown to the greatest advantage by Miss Stirling, the applause after each performance testifying the appreciation of that lady's ability by the large audience

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The concert was well attended by many of Mr. Wright's pupils and several amateurs of the harp. The recitals will be continued on the first Tuesday in each month.

Mr. A. COLLARD, the Flautist, gave a Concert on the 5th ult., at the Hanover Square Rooms, which was in every respect highly successful. Mr. Collard's per-formance, especially that of a piece by Briccialdi, and of a Duo concertante for flute and pianoforte, by Laville (in which he was joined by Mr. Henry Bird), elicited loud and deserved applause. Mr. Collard was aided by the excellent flute playing of Messrs. J. Radeliffe and Benjamin Wells. Miss Madeleine Schiller also contributed some pianoforte solos with much success. The vocalists w. Miss Banks, Miss Jessie Royd and Mr. George Perren.

THE Kensal Choral Society, which, small as it is, is the only rallying point for amateurs in this district, gave its first Concert for the season at St. John's School, on the 16th ult. A large portion of the praramme was judiciously devoted to glees and part-songs, many of which were excellently given. Miss Tinson and Mr. and Mrs. Pushman sang throughout the evening with much effect, and received several encores, a compliment which was also awarded to the Messrs. Lander. Mr. Farley and Miss Jessica Tinson were highly efficient accompanists.

THE meeting which took place on the 14th October at Lady Llanover's, has again brought the subject of the triple-stringed harp prominently before the public. Five Welsh harpers competed for the prize given by her ladyship—an instrument made exactly on the model of those manufactured in former days by the celebrated maker, John Richards—and it was eventually awarded to Abraham Rys, of Merthyr Tydfil. Lady Llanover-delivered an eloquent address on the desirability of using every effort to preserve the triple stringed harp as a national instrument; and Mr. Brinley Richards (who was the first to mention the matter in his letters to the public journals), also spoke enthusiastically in its favour. sympathies are certainly with those who are so energetically devoting both time and money in aid of this thoroughly national movement; and we have much pleasure in drawing the attention of our readers to a communication from Mr. Brinley Richards in our present number, which ably sets forth his views upon the subject.

THE annual Concert in aid of the funds of the Customs' Orphanage took place on Thursday evening, the 4th ult., at the Beaumont Institution, Mile End, under the direction of Mr. Phillips. The artists engaged were Mesdames Alexr. Newton, Alice Hunter, Lucy Franklein, Messrs. E. Osborne, Theodore Distin, and the West-minster Glee Club, assisted by Miss Cavanagh, Miss Jessie Kusel, Mr. R. T. Churchill and Mr. Rumsey, who, although but amateurs, exhibited much talent. All the atthough but amateurs, exhibited much talent. All the vocal solos were excellently rendered and descreedly applauded. The four gentlemen who comprised the Glee Club sang some part-songs with great taste and precision—Otto's "Dance" being re-demanded. An efficient string band, conducted by Mr. Edwin Schilling, contributed a Bolero by Bosisio, and Auber's overture to Les Diamants de la Couronne, both of which were well The accompanists were Miss A. Hunter (who Also performed with much effect a pianoforte fantasia), and Mr. W. Miller, jun. The room was crowded.

An interesting ceremony took place on the 27th October in the Assembly Rooms, Stoke Newington, on the occasion of presenting a testimonial to George Spencer, Esq., the founder and director of the choir of St. Mary's, in recognition of the "devoted earnestness, marked ability, and untiring energy shown by him in his successful efforts to improve the musical services of the parish church of St. Mary's, Stoke Newington." Nearly food members of the congregation were present, the large room being completely filled. The testimonial—consisting of a magnificent service of plate of Grecian design, accompanied by a list of the contributors, handsomely of the highest standing in the musical world. In accord-

illuminated on vellum—was presented by the Rev. Blomfield Jackson, M.A., curate of the parish, in an appropriate address, to which Mr. Spencer responded in a modest and eloquent speech. In the course of the evening an exel-lent selection of vocal and instrumental music was

On Monday evening, the 8th ult., a crowded Meeting in connection with the East Central Temperance
Association, was held at the Shoreditch Town Hall
G. Cruikshank, Esq., presided. The speeches were
interspersed with musical selections, all of which were
received with much favour. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Guest, was thoroughly efficient.

THE recent decision of the Committee of the Council on Education, admitting the Tonic Sol-fa system and notation on equal terms with others, appearing to make a fitting opportunity for calling the attention of the teachers of Government schools to the merits of the system, the Tonic Sol-fa Association convened a meeting of certificated school teachers at the London Tavern on Saturday, the 20th ult. Godfrey Lushington, Esq., occupied the chair. Mr. Curwen, the promoter of the Tonic Sol-fa method, opened the discussion by an explanatory lecture; and a class of pupils illustrated various uses of the method by singing at sight, composing and arranging for four parts Psalm tunes, the first few notes of which were suggested in the room; by performances and transposition at sight on the violin and pianoforte, and by copying by ear. After some discussion, the following resolution was carried unanimously:—"That this meeting heard Mr. Curwen's explanation of the Tonic Sol-fa method, and believing it to be especially adapted to what is one of the highest necessities of our elementary schools, the teaching of vocal music to the young, recommend it to the teachers of the dayschools of the metro-polis as worthy of a fair trial."

THE Southwark Musical Society inaugurated its eighth season with a Subscription Concert, on Thursday the 18th ult., when Handel's *Judas Maccabæus* was performed. The principal vocalists were Madame Talbot-Cherer, Mrs. Josias Wells, Miss Lucy Franklein, Messrs. Geo. Perren and Chaplin Henry, who all executed their allotted parts to the entire satisfaction of a crowded audience. The band and chorus—numbering upwards of 150 performers—were conducted by Mr. Josias Wells. The choral singing was especially noteworthy for its certainty and steadiness, and the band was thoroughly efficient. Several encores were demanded, but not acceded to. The second Subscription Concert will take place on the 3rd inst., when *The Messiah* will be given.

The first concert of the Greville Choral Society for the present season was held on the 5th ult, in the School Room of Greville-place Church, when an ex-cellent selection of sacred and secular music was performed, under the direction of Mr. Sharp, the conductor of the Society. Amongst the choruses the "Gloria, Mozart's 12th Mass, deserves special mention. Amongst the choruses the "Gloria," from Simpson, Mr. Morant and Mr. Jobson, were highly successful in the solo music, and Mrs. Sharp's soprano voice was well displayed in Claribel's "Children's Voices." Mr. Mori accompanied with much skill.

ELY DIOCESAN CHURCH MUSIC SOCIETY.-It may be in the recollection of our readers that this Society in March last offered two prizes-one of five guineas for the best musical arrangement of the Nicene Creed for Parish Choirs—and another of three guineas for the best simple organ harmonies, as accompaniments to that Creed when monotoned: the successful candidates being required to publish their compositions in a cheap form.

ance with their unanimous verdict, the prize for the best arrangement of the Creed has been adjudged to Alexander S. Cooper, Esq., of 20, Brompton Crescent. No prize has been awarded to any of the harmonised monotones. It ought to be added that certified copies of the exercises selected by the Committee were sent to the musical referees; so that the authors of the composition were unknown. We are requested to state that the Secretary, Rev. F. Gerald Vesey, Lawrence Court, Huntingdon, would be obliged by the addresses of the authors of two Creeds marked "J. Foggitt," and "J. Bradford," being forwarded to him.

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Such of our musical readers as have any knowledge of the three or four Preludial Pieces for the Organ which Mr. Hopkins published many years ago, will learn with satisfaction that he is again contributing to that class of music, the production of which has been so much neglected

Had we not known how little leisure it is possible for professional musicians practising in London to enjoy, we might have felt some surprise that they should so seldom come before the public with original works. But knowing the great demands which are made upon their time, our

surprise is naturally lessened.

The first three movements consist of a Siciliano in G major, for soft stops; an Allegretto con grazia, principally for diapasons; and an Allegretto cantabile, distributed amongst three manuals. The principal subject of the Siciliano, although open to objection on the score of a certain want of f.eshness, is yet so capitally harmonised and delight-full varied, that the want of originality is hardly felt. A clever piece of imitation, near the end of the second page, is specially open to commendation for that absence of all appearance of art—which to our mind is the perfection of art. No. 2 is of a somewhat more vigorous uon or art. No. 2 is of a somewhat more vigorous texture, and exhibits the same masterly treatment as the first in almost every line. And we may here state that admirable workmanship and delicate finish are marked characteristics of the entire set of pieces. Of the first three, we prefer upon the whole, the third. Commencing with specified cheefs on the proper limit the state of the commencing with sustained chords on the manuals, with staccato notes for the pedals, a charming melody unwinds itself, flowing on in a natural and graceful manner through all kinds of beautiful modulations, and with a number of dexterous contrapuntal contrivances, in every way displaying on the part of the composer a wealth of ideas and a thorough grasp of his subject.

As the same remarks would almost equally apply to the second set of three, it only remains for us to add that so long as music like this is the product of English brains, we must not despair of seeing the musicians of our land take the position which is so fairly within their reach. For years they appear to have been asleep. Let us hope

the present is a general awakening.

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THERE is evidently no intention on the part of the editor to allow his spirited enterprise to languish. Each number as it appears introduces at the head of much good music a batch of names either altogether new to the for the organ we willingly admit the strangers; but to our friends who have temporarily left their ampler pas-tures, we eagerly extend a hearty welcome. It must not, however, be forgotten that with increased success comes increased responsibility; and we must remind Dr. Spark that there is no such thing as standing still. Progress or retrogression is inevitable; and we are far too much interested in the healthy development of the art of organ playing to wish anything but success to his journal.

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1. Te Deum for Parish Choirs. Composed by A. Hemstock.

A Simple Morning and Evening Service (Chant form).
 Composed by Walter Macfarren.

3. A Morning, Communion and Evening Service, for Parish Choirs. Composed by G. M. Garrett, Mus. Doc.

It has always been with us a matter of difficulty to determine why certain pieces of music should ever have seen the light. We all know that amateurs who have been blessed with a competency are not unfrequently tempted into an unreasoning rush into publicity for the mere pleasure derivable from seeing their names in type—and really "Composed by John Jenkins" looks quite as large (in print) as "Composed by Mozart." But it is not of this class that we would speak; for with them there out of the property of It has always been with us a matter of difficulty to is no reputation to lose, and certainly, in finitely-finite cases out of a hundred, none to be gained. It is more particularly by young professional men—country organists, etc.—and their doings that our surprise is called forth, who—quite by accident, and without intending it in the slightest degree-find themselves authors of a chant or a psalm tune, and are instantly possessed by great visions of future fame and pecuniary reward. Hereupon they determine to fly at higher game, and in the old accidental manner, finding that they have composed a Te Deum, without considering for a moment whether it is good or new, or in many instances even correct, it is printed, published, reviewed and—shelved. Unfortunately the friends of our imaginary composer take no note of the fact that the composition fell still-born, but they ever after speak of him with company and appearance. after speak of him, with some appearance of respect, as a genius who composed a work which was actually printed, and thus hold out an inducement to others to go and do To such and to all we must lift up our voice in likewise. If a man have not received a sound musical warning. education, and be not possessed of original ideas, he has no right even to think of publishing such works as he Again and again must we repeat, that to be may write. a creator of beautiful melodies and understand the secrets of harmony is a gift to which few can lay claim; and to be able to play an organ or teach the piano by no means qualifies a man for setting up as a composer. We have qualifies a man for setting up as a composer. been led into these remarks through finding, after a careful perusal of Mr. Hemstock's Te Deum, next to nothing which could justify its publication. It may be admitted musical world, or exhibiting a new phase of versatility.

Amongst the former may be classed Mr. Inglis Bervon, Philipp Tietz, etc., whilst the latter includes Mr. G. A.

Macfarren and Herr Carl Reinecke, both of whom are too mell known to need a word from us, but whose organ or short) had altogether disappeared; yet here we find it in compositions have been hitherto scarce, to say the least of it. Into the comparatively limited field of composition "Holy, holy" has not been done for many years, yet Mr. to be moderately correct in its harmonies, and that is a

be hard upon him: our intention is rather to tilt at the

system of publishing immature works.

Mr. Walter Macfarren has already made his mark in pianoforte music, and now essays to bear off some of the honours pertaining to composers of sacred music. His effort is not wanting in boldness, for we hold it an established fact that it is more difficult to write simply and successfully, than when thoroughly unfettered by the exigences of parish choirs. Taking these matters into consideration, we think he is entitled to some commendation for having produced a Chant Service, which is at once easy, taking

and appropriate.

All this, however, and more, may be said of the setting by Dr. Garrett. It is a case in which the composer is evidently at home with his subject, and moulds it freely to suit his fancy. The meaning of the words is forced into notice by the vigorous and appropriate setting they receive; and the general effect is further enhanced by the masterly accompaniment which alternately supports and embellishes the voice part. Yet is the setting a comparatively simple one. Chiefly in unison, the setting a comparatively simple one. Chiefly in unison, the four parts are used now and then—but very sparingly—with an exceedingly good effect. But we have one fault to find. May we ask why the ancient and modern notation is used so indiscriminately? One must be right and the other wrong. Apart from this, we have nothing to say of Dr. Garrett's Service which is not complimentary. Surely a work so easy and yet so full of good music should prove a boon, especially to those for whose use it was intended, viz.—parish choirs.

Six Four-part Songs (S.A.T.B.) Composed by Walter Macfarren.

1. Spring. Poetry by Mary Cowden Clarke.

2. Summer. ditto ,, 3. Autumn. ditto 4. Winter. ditto

5. You Stole my Love. Poetry by A. Munday (1553).
6. Dainty Love. W. Wager (1500).

Mrs Cowden Clarke's poetry has been sympathetically wedded to music by Mr. Macfarren. The first song, "Spring," has a pleasing and joyous subject which is not frittered away by "learned" harmonies. A running scale passage in thirds for sopranos and altos, answered by a similar passage for basses and tenors, in the last two lines of the verse, is exceedingly effective. No. 2, "Summer. is a flowing melody, thoughtfully harmonised, and remarkwritten for the voices. The phrase marked ably well Giojoso, is a real musical welcome to a sunny and genial and the ascent of the sopranos to the upper A flat is in excellent keeping with the joyful character of the poetry. If we have a fault to find with "Autumn," it is that the opening subject is somewhat too sombre. It commences with a marked theme for the basses, in D minor, which is pertinaciously repeated twice afterwards with much effect. The sudden burst in the tonic major, after the lingering dominant harmony, is a point worthy of special commendation-the music, indeed, being coloured with a richness in consonance with the "ripe golden corn with a richness in consonance with the "ripe golden corn and purple grapes," in praise of which the poet sings. "Winter" starts with a theme, "Allegro vivace," which, as the words rather glorify the lively than the dreary aspect of the season, is as appropriate as can be desired. The change of rhythm at the words, "Have we not his Christmas night," introduces a most graceful melody, the harmonies to which are as simple as such compositions A good effect is obtained towards the conshould be. clusion of the song by repeating the words "Christmas night" in the alto and bass parts, in detached phrases whilst the other voices continue the melody. No. 5, "You Stole my Love," is already well known; and its characteristic subject generally ensures for it, in performance, a hearty encore. A careful perusal of the song confirms our opinion of its merits. Apart from the light and catching melody, so excellently fitted to the words, the counterpoint is written in a masterly manner through-!" The time draws near the birth of Christ." If we might

Hemstock adopts it. He must forgive us if we appear to out. We are especially pleased with the effect of the return to the subject, after the harmony of the dominant, in the relative minor. No. 6, "Dainty Love," is handled as well, perhaps, as a composer can handle words so little suggestive of musical ideas. The theme is melodious, and the constant repetition of the word "dangerous." gives much character to the composition. Well sung, there can be little doubt that this unpretending song would please, from the peculiar quaintness, both of the music and poetry.

Songs, &c., from "The Artist's Stratagem." A Drawing Room Operetta, by J. Tom Burgess, Esq. Music by Rosario Asna

1. The Land that I Love. 2. I'm not in Love, not I,

3. My Heart is Free. 4. Those Eves which Beam.

Now Fate, alas, has Parted. Trio, unaccompanied. This group of compositions is from a little Operetta. published in Routledge's Christmas Annual for 1870, intended specially for performance by amateurs in a drawing room. Like all the songs of this composer, they are vocal, simple and melodious; and, above all, most admirably suited for the purpose for which they are written. No. 1 is an unpretending theme in G minor, easy to sing, and pretty enough to delight a Christmas party. No, 2, "I'm not in Love, not I," has a tripping subject which will charm all hearers. This song must, we think, make its way out of the Operetta, for it is not only pleasing, but excellent in treatment throughout. There is much archness in the repetition of the words, "Not in Love," and "Not I," whilst the theme progresses uninterruptedly in the pianoforte part. A descent of seven-sizes to the low C is also a point in every respect admirable. No. 3 is full of character. Commencing with a graceful melody in F, a modulation takes place into B flat, in which key, a very elegant waltz is played as the accompaniment to the voice. We scarcely like the manner in which the return to the original key is effected, although we have no positive fault to find with the progression. No. 4 is an extremely vocal melody, and thoroughly expressive of the words. The sudden change from C into A flat is really beautiful; and there is a refinement pervading every bar of this composition which lifts it—musically speaking— not only far above the other songs in the Operetta, but above any song by this composer which has yet come before us. We can conscientiously recommend it to the attention both of vocalists and teachers. No. 5 is a smoothly written trio, intended to be sung unaccompanied. We like every part of this except the last phrase, where the voices are held out for two bars on the unvocal word "meet," the first being dominant harmony suspended over the key-note, and the second the resolution of the chord on the key-note harmony. The five compositions here noticed, are the only portions of the Operetta published by Messrs. Novello; but the Annual, containing the dialogue and concerted music, has been forwarded to us, and we can, therefore, now judge of the work in its entire state. A very simple duet for female voices, "No one is here," is melodious and sufficiently dramatic, to afford scope for a little acting. The next duet, "See, O how charming" (also for two ladies), has a pretty waltz subject, the voice parts being thoroughly within the power of drawing-room vocalists. The finale contains no difficulties, but is full of effect, and the voices are impartially provided with ample oppor-tunities for being heard. The subject, commencing on the words, "You see success has crown'd my plot, exceedingly happy; and the entire finale, small as it is in construction, is based upon good models.

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take exception at all, it would be to a slight excess of tion, which prevent any effect of undue monotony—the modulation, which occasionally renders the tonality a answering of the voices on the words, "To list what love is saying," being especially worthy of commendation. Some short phrases on a key-note, and afterwards on a dominant pedal, are most happily suggestive of the pastoral nature of the subject; and there is a coherence of design about the composition which cannot be too highly praised.

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and "Quasi Fantasia" is a mere apology on the title-page in the last bar of page 2, or write consecutive fifths for the utter want of coherence in the composition. Mr. (A, E, and B, F) in the fifth bar of page 3. Gardner has fortunately not thus christened his work: but in the desire to steer clear of "grandeur," he has erred on the other side, for his Sonata is not only unpretentious, but weak. His subjects have not enough body in them for a composition of this importance; and his treatment of them is not sufficiently skilful to arrest the attention. The theme of the first movement is elegant and well harmonised; but there is so little contrast in the passages, that the ear becomes wearied. The slow movement is better; the flowing melody in $\frac{1}{3}$ 2 rhythm, is sufficiently interesting; but here again there is a want of development for a work of this pretension. The last movement contains some good writing, and indeed, is the best part of the Sonata. Some excellent points of imitation are worthy of commendation: the modulations are managed with judgment, and the return to the original subject is effective. Mr. Gardner will see that, in spite of our objections, we have looked through his Sonata with much interest; for there is a healthy tone about the work which must command attention, if not admiration.

Music when soft voices die. Song. Shelley.

Teach me to live. Sacred Song. Words taken from "A Leaflet." Composed by N. Bradshaw.

WE often wonder how such works as these find their way into print; and still more, why they should be sent We do not deny that there is some feeling for review for melody in both compositions, but even tonic and dominant harmonies have rules to regulate their motion. Of the two, we rather prefer the "sacred" song; but can the composer rest satisfied with such a harmony as occurs in rhythm is most effective. We cordially commend this the seventh bar of page 2, where the voice part and bass walk down together? Why not submit such songs to a competent master before publication?

Tell me the Summer Stars. Duet. The Poetry Edwin Arnold. The Music by Frederick Westlake. The Poetry by

A CHARMING duet, accompanied with that appropriate simplicity too rarely met with in the works of those who have the power of supplying complicated harmonies. The opening theme is extremely melodious; and the solos for both voices (especially that for the second, with the creeping quaver accompaniment), are most happily descriptive of the poetry. In every respect this unpretending little composition has merit far beyond the majority of works of this class which are pressed upon us for notice.

Jamie's on the Stormy Sea. Song. Moir, Music by Charlotte M. Hewke. Song. Words by D. M.

Miss Hewke has written a pleasing air, with a sufficiently Scottish flavour to render it appropriate to the words. It is generally carefully harmonised; but we should be glad if the G could be cut out of the chord in the second bar of the opening symphony, when the same note appears in the melody. We also think that it would note appears in the melody. We also think that it would be a great improvement to let the accompaniment continue in quavers in the last half of bar six, as the sudden halt with the voice has a very bad effect. Beyond this we have not a word to say. The song is pretty; and many less attractive ones have become popular.

None will be nigh to hear. Song. Words by Jean Ingelow. Music by Alice Mary Smith.

This song is quaint, and the obstinate key-note pedal ives a character to the melody which rescues it from eing somewhat common-place. The modulations into being somewhat common-place. The modulations into the subdominant, in the fourth bar from the end of the voice part, is a good point; and there is a continuity of thought throughout the composition which deserves to be commended.

The Voice of Spring. Words by Mrs. Hemans. Music by Brunelda.

DUFF AND STEWART.

Part-Song. Written by Wellington Haste not. Guernsey. Composed by John Barnett.

THE demand for part-songs seems still on the increase; and we are glad to find amongst those who assist in supplying this want many composers already well known to the public for works of acknowledged excellence in other departments of the art. Mr. John Barnett is scarcely a man who could be spared to write part-songs, were there such a thing as an English opera-house in existence; but in the absence of such an institution, we are pleased to see his name occasionally on the title-pages of the current vocal music of the day. "Haste not" is an excellent part-song, simple in construction, but evincing throughout the touch of a master. The theme, which commences with the contraltos, is extremely beautiful; and the final pianissimo phrase, lengthened out by the interrupted close, has an air of pure and hopeful resignainterrupted close, has an an or purchase tion in real sympathy with the words.

Part-Song. Written by H. T.

True Love's Voice. Part-Song. Writt Arnold, Esq. Composed by J. G. Callcott.

This composition has already been sung by Mr. Henry Leslie's choir, and we need scarcely say, therefore, that ample justice has been done to its merits. A careful perusal of the song more than confirms the favourable verdict which we pronounced upon it after a single hearing. The subject is extremely melodious, the voice parts are smoothly written, and the modulations are judicious and well conducted throughout. The change from g to 3 song to the attention of choral Societies.

ASHDOWN AND PARRY.

Constance. Caprice, for the Pianoforte. By Edward W. Saxey.

Mr. Saxey seems to have musical feeling, and we have occasional glimpses in this composition of his power to invent a melody; but he must study harder if he wish to enter the lists as a composer, more especially of an ambitious Caprice like the one before us. In the opening "Andartino," he must certainly have been dreaming of the first movement of Beethoven's "Moonlight" Sonata; but the harmony is so bad (as for example, where the dominant seventh rises to the fifth of the key-note triad, in the fifth bar; that we almost wish the resemblance had been closer than it is. The principal subject, with the rapid arpeggio accompaniment is melodious, but is spoiled by the composer's incapacity to harmonise it properly. There is an evident struggle after originality in the second theme in the subdominant, but the syncopated accompaniment of the left hand part produces some most un-pleasant effects, especially at the end of the eighth bar, where the leading note clashes with the key-note. The "Allegro Vivace," in 3 rhythm, at the conclusion of the piece, is unmeaning. It would have been much better to let the composition end with a coda, built on the principal melody. We have thrown aside pieces which have no more faults in them than this Caprice; but Mr. Saxey will see that we have selected his composition for notice because he shows that he has some musical invention; and we only care to counsel a man to put his thoughts into grammatical language when he has in reality something to sav.

Original Correspondence.

THE WELSH TRIPLE HARP.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE MUSICAL TIMES, Sir,-The favourable manner in which many of the The melody of this song is harmless, but not so the English papers have noticed my appeal for the preserva-accompaniment. Brunelda must not double the B natural tion of an old national instrument—the "Welsh Triple Harp"-sufficiently indicates that the interest in the

subject is not limited to the Principality.

The question. "What is a national instrument?" was well answered at the recent meeting at Llanover Court, when in the course of her address, Lady Llanover said, "I now take this opportunity to impress upon your minds that no instrument can be the national instrument of a country, unless it is sufficiently light for the player to carry it." I should not, however, have ventured to trespass upon your attention now, but for a slight error as regards the "status" of the harp in Wales. One very able writer has remarked that the "Pedal harp has driven the old one out of the country." This may be true, but Wales has gained nothing by the change—the pedal harp may have driven it out, but it has not taken its place; and so far as a musical instrument is concerned, Wales is worse off than ever. The pedal harp can never become popular in our country for two reasons—it has no connection with the Principality as a national instrument, and it is far too expensive for ordinary use.

Independently of its historical associations, there are, I think, sufficient reasons for preserving the triple harp, even from an "art point of view." In the present day there is a great tendency to bring everything down to a dead level, and to destroy the charm which consists in the individuality, or tone, peculiar to certain instruments. Whatever may be said in disparagement of the Welsh harp, it possesses sounds which belong to that instrument alone; and all the attempts at so-called "improvements," only tend to render it less interesting as an old national instrument. A valuable contributor to the Athenœum (Carl Engel), makes some remarks which may not inaptly be quoted here: "Our various instruments by being more and more perfected, are becoming too much alike in quality of sound, or in that character of tone which Professor Tyndall, in his Lectures on Sound, calls 'clangtint'. The old instruments, imperfect though they were in many respects, possessed this variety of 'clangtint' to a high degree; neither were they on this account less

capable of expression than our modern ones."

It is hardly fair to judge of the triple harp in the present day, as there are so few players sufficiently skilled to develope its capabilities. Widely, however, as people may differ as to its merits, we cannot ignore the fact that in former generations it was sufficient to arouse the enthusiasm of the Welsh people, and also to create considerable interest in the minds of many eminent musicians. In the reign of George II., Powell, a Welsh harper who used to play before that monarch, drew such tones from his instrument, that the great Handel was delighted with his performance, and composed for him several pieces of music. He also introduced him as a performer in his oratorios, in which there are some songs (harp obbligato), that were accompanied by Powell, such as "Tune your Harps," "Praise the Lord" (Esther), and "Hark! He Strikes the Golden Lyre" (Alexander Balus). (See Edward Jones' "Welsh Bards.")

The subject, however, as I have before stated, is one of nationality rather than of music; but it must not be forgotten that the triple row of strings enabled the old Welsh harpers to produce effects unattainable by any other instrument.

I remain truly yours,
St. Mary Abbott's Terrace,
Kensington, Nov. 8, 1969.

Beinley Richards.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE MUSICAL TIMES.

SIR,—Knowing your readiness to aid the advancement of good music, I have been induced to ask the favour of a short space in your valuable journal for a few remarks.

You have frequently alluded in terms of regret to the low class of music which appears to have steadily increased for some years past in public favour, such as one must hear should a visit be paid to our London Music Halls, where trashy, unmeaning "Comic" is in the ascendant, bad taste almost bringing down the house with plaudits.

Now I think this state of things may in some measure be accounted for in this way: first, because the class of music I have mentioned is constantly before the public night after night, and, secondly, because the prices of admission are extremely low, while, on the other hand, music of a classical character is very rarely performed. Even performances of the most popular oratorios are few and far between; and many others that I could mention seem to be entirely forgotten from one season to another; why, I cannot tell. But a more serious drawback is to be found in the prices of admission, as at Exeter Hall, where it appears to be an established rule now to fix the lowest price at three shillings; this shuts out hundreds who would really appreciate the works of our great masters far more than many of those who can afford to pay their guinea for a stall-ticket for mere fashion's sake.

My suggestion, then, is that the lowest price ticket should be reduced to one shilling, and that productions of Oratorios be more frequent. As a member myself of the Handel Festival choir, I feel sure I speak the sentiments of my brother members when I say that we are always ready, when called upon, to assist in those works I am sorry to see so far in the background.

I am, Sir, yours truly,

Musicus.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Notices of concerts, and other information supplied by our friends in the country, must be forwarded as early as possible after the occurrence; otherwise they cannot be inserted. Our correspondents must specifically denote the date of each concert, for without such date no notice can be taken of the performance.

We beg to remind our correspondents that all notices of country concerts, whether written or extracted from newspapers, must be accompanied by the name and address of the person who sends them.

Our correspondents will greatly oblige by writing all names as clearly as possible, as we cannot be responsible for any mistakes that may occur.

We cannot undertake to return offered contributions; the authors, therefore, will do well to retain copies.

Notice is sent to all Subscribers whose payment (in advance) is exhauted. The paper will be discontinued where the Subscription is not renewed. We again remind those who are disappointed in obtaining back numbers that, although the music pages are always stereotyped, only a sufficient quantity of the rest of the paper is printed to supply the current sale.

G. P .- It should be sung in quavers, thus :-



T. K. G .- No, to both questions.

"One most anxious."—There is no "Royal road." Practice and perseverance will conquer the difficulty, if, in our correspondent's case, it can be conquered.

A Musical Student,—We know nothing whatever of the work mentioned.

In our notice of the concert at Cheshunt in the last number, the names were printed as they were written in the report forncarded to us. It would be impossible for us to correct the errors contained in the communications sent to us by correspondents.

J. H.—The composition mentioned has not been passed over from "merciful motives," but simply because it is scarcely of sufficient importance to demand a notice.

O. R.—1. There was in the German libretto a part for the Saviour, which was considered objectionable in this country. 2. The change from C to C indicates an accelleration of time to the extent of doubling the pace. In otherwords, the minim becomes the same in value as the crotech had been. We take it for granted that our correspondent is aware that C signifies common time, four beats in a bar, and C indicates common time, two beats in a bar. 3. The German words of both "The Creation" and "The Seasons" were written by the Baron von Swelen, who also is accredited with the original English translation of the Intervalve of the Creation" (in the full score) is attributed to a Mr. Liddell.

Liddell

Brief Summary of Country Rebs.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for any opinions expressed in this Summary; as all the notices are either collated from the local papers, or supplied to us by occasional correspondents.

ARRSEY.—On Tuesday evening, the 16th ult., a successful Concert was given in the School Room by Mr. Eyre (Director of the Doncaster Choral Union), assisted by Miss Robinson, Miss Mortimer, Mr. T. Carbert, and Mr. G. Carbert. The attendance was good, and the performance gave the greatest satisfaction, Mr. Eyre's buffo singing being specially admired.

BIRKENHEAD.—Master J. C. Andrews gave a Pianoforte BIRENHEAD.—Master J. C. Andrews gave a Pianoforte Recital in the Music Hall on the 29th October, assisted by Miss Galloway (soprano), before arespectable audience. Master Andrews, who is but thirteen years of age, played with considerable power and expression the following compositions:—Mozart's Sonata in E, op. 6. Beethoven's Rondo (No. 1), op. 51, and his Sonata in A dan Handel's "Harmonious Blacksmith," besides two other popular pieces. He was rewarded by one encore and by hearty applause throughout. Miss Galloway gave several solos with much effect, and was three times encored. The main object of the concert, it was understood, was to raise funds to send the young pianist to Germany, for the completion of his studies. Mr. Franklin Haworth accommanied with much skill. accompanied with much skill.

BIRMINGHAM, -A large audience was assembled in the Town Hall on the occasion of Mr. Locker's Concert on the 21st October. In every respect the performance was a thorough success; the choir (containing contingents from all the classes and cess; the enoir (containing contangents from an the classes and choral unions under Mr. Locker's direction) singing the whole of the part-music with a delicacy and precision which reflected the highest credit upon their instructor. The principal solo vocalists were Mrs. Alfred Sutton Miss Alice Phillips, Mr. Robert Mason, and Mr. Henry Phillips; Mr. James Matthews (fute), Mr. Frederick Chatterton (harp), Mrs. Samuel Brame and Mr. C. S. Heap (planoforte), lending valuable assistance in the instrumental department. Mr. Locker conducted the concert with truth independent ast. Locker conducted the concert with much judgment and taste. — The twelfth series of the Birmingham Chamber Concerts commenced on Thursday the 11th ult, before a numerous audience. The programme contained an excellent selection of classical music, all of which was most artistically interesting the contained and th ent. Mr. Locker conducted the concert with much judgment and The programme contained an excellent selection of classical music, all of which was most artistically interpreted by Messrs. H. Hayward, Ries and Wiener (Violins), T. W. Abbott (Viola), Herr Daubert (Violoncello), and C. E. Flavell (Pianoforte). The principal features of the concert were two string Quintetts—one in E flat, by Beethoven, and one in G minor, by Mozart, both of which created a marked effect upon the audience. A duet, "La Gâité," by Chopin, admirably rendered by Mr. Flavell and Herr Daubert, was also received with much applause.

BLACKBURN.—St. John's Church, which has been for BLACKBURN.—St. John's Church, which has been for some time undergoing repairs, was re-opened during the past month. The organ has been entirely repaired, re-voiced, and enlarged by Messrs. C. and J. Whitely, organ builders, of Chester, the sole cost of the improvement having been defrayed by D. and J. Thwaites, Esqrs., two members of the congregation. On the dutin, an organ recital was given by Dr. Spark, when a programme was provided eminently calculated to display the capabilities of the instrument, and the well-known skill of the performer.

BLACKPOOL.-A selection of sacred and secular music was given in the New Assembly Rooms on the 8th ult. The vocalists were Miss Clelland, Messrs. Grime, Fisher and Stanton—accompanist, Mr. Grindrod. Miss Clelland sang "From mighty Kings," and an effective song by Dr. Hiles called "The Hebrew Mother" which was enthusiastically encored. Mr. Fisher and Mr. Stanton were also highly successful—the former in "But Thou didst not leave," and the latter in "Thus saith the Lord." The second part of the concert comprised, amongst other pieces, a pianoforte duet, and "Joyous Life," by Miss Clelland (encored). The concert was exceedingly well attended.

Burslem. - The Potteries Tonic Sol-fa Choristers BURSLEM. — The Potteries Tonic Sol-fa Choristers opened their Concert-season on Tuesday evening, October 26th, with a performance (for the first time in the Potteries in its complete form) of Haydn's Creation. The Town Hall was filled with a highly respectable and appreciative andlence. The principal vocalists were Miss Cleiland, of Manchester; Mr. J. L. Kirby, and Mr. T. Brandon. Mr. C. A. Seymour led a full orchestra, including eleven of Mr. Halle's band, and the principal local amateurs. Mr. H. Walker presided at the organ. and Mr. Powell was conductor. The local papers speak highly of the singing of Miss Cleiland and Mr. Brandon, and they are unanimons in pronouncing that the band and chorus were alike excellent. The choristers intend to repeat the Messiah and Samson in the course of the season. the Messiah and Samson in the course of the season.

CLIFTON. — One of Mr. Daniel's series of Winter Entertainments was given in the large Hall of the Victoria Rooms on the 3rd uit. The vocalists were Madame Sherrington and her sister (Mülle. José Sherrington), Mr. Nelson Varley, and Mr. and Mrs. Patey. The first part of the programme, selected from Faust, was the last scene of Act II. and the whole of Act III. The addience had thus the finest portion of the opera presented to them, and in a manner which amply compensated for the absence of acting and scenery. Madame Sherrington sang her music with much effect. Mrs. Patey was evidently suffering from cold, but in the slight part of Martha, which is almost confined cold, but in the slight part of Martha, which is almost confined to the third act, her singing was thoroughly good. Mr. Nelson Varley was in excellent voice, and his interpretation of the part of Faust. The solos were sung by Mrs. R. Limpus, Faust was artistic throughout. Mephistopheles was highly effective, and the method of the Messian The solos were sung by Mrs. R. Limpus, faust was artistic throughout. Mephistopheles was highly effective, CLIFTON. - One of Mr. Daniel's series of Winter

as was also Mdlle. José Sherrington, a young lady with a very fine soprano voice. In place of orchestra, M. Lemmens played on the Mustel organ, Mr. King Hall accompanying. The second part of the concert was miscellar

DONCASTER .- On the 8th ult., Mr. Eyre, Choirmaster DONCASTER.—On the 8th ult., Mr. Eyre, Choirmaster of the Parish Church, gave his Annual Concert at the Guild-hall, which was attended by most of the principal families of the neighbourhood. The first part of the programme was entirely composed of sacred music, including several selections from Mendelssohn, and one or two from Handel. The principal vocalists were Miss Emmelline Mortimer (who was highly successful in the air, "O, rest in the Lord"), Miss Robinson, Messrs. Carbert and Eyre, and Masters Thornsby and Laws. Mr. Eyre was much applicated in the stirring song "Arm, arm, ye brave," and also produced much effect in the second part (which was devoted to secular music) by his singing of the "Village Blacksmith," for which he received a hearty encore. The performance of Mr. Robinson (of Hull), on the slide trumpet was also a distinctive feature in the concert.

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EDGWARE.—A Concert in connection with the "Penny EDGWARE.—A Concert in connection with the "Penny Readings" took place on the 27th October, in the large room near the Great Northern Railway Station. The principal vocalists were Miss Jessie Kusel, Miss Gibson, Miss Drury, Mesvrs. Cleavland, Holdom, Terry and Ball. The performance was highly successful, several pieces being encored. The conductor was Mr. J. A. Drage.

Edinburgh.—At the annual meeting of the Edinburgh EDINBURGH.—At the annual meeting of the Edinburgh University Musical Society, held in the Music Class-room, Park Place, on the 11th ult., the chairman (Professor Christison) warmly congratulated the members upon the success which had hitherto attended the Society, and expressed a hope that amongst the new arrivals in the University there would be found many students able and willing to join the association. The Treasurer submitted a highly favourable report to the meeting, and acknowledged with much satisfaction a donation of five guineas from Professor Oakelex Africe the report had been adouted, the Committee for next ley. After the report had been adopted, the Committee for next year was elected—Professors Christison and Oakeley being ap-pointed Presidents, and Professors Maclagan and Crawford Vice-Presidents.

ERDINGTON.—The Committee of the Erdington Insti-ERDINGTON.—The Committee of the Erdington Institute gave the first concert for the present season on the 11th ult, at the Public Hall. The principal vocalists were Miss Rigby and Mr. Hateley, who gave several solos with much success; the lady (a sister of the well-known tenor, Mr. Vernon Rigby) displaying an excellent soprano voice and good style of singing. The Institute class gave a selection of part music with murh effect; and the Erdington brass band made a very successful début on the occasion. The performance was most ably conducted by Mr. T. G. Locker.

EXMOUTH .- On the 29th October, at the conclusion of EXMOUTH.—Un the 25th October, as all the regular weekly practice of the members of the Harmonic Society, at Manchester House, a testimonial was presented to Mr. W. Vinnicombe, the conductor, in the form of an exquisitely emission of the property of the conductor of the property of the bellished electro-plated tea pot, coffee pot, and sugar basin. Mr. Melluish. treasurer to the Society, presented the testimonial behalf of the committee, with a brief and appropriate address. Vinnicombe was taken by surprise, and, in accepting the testimonial, warmly thanked the committee, assuring them that he should continue to do all in his power for the interests of the Society, and to advance the science of music among its members to the very best of his ability.

FARNBOROUGH, HANTS.-Two concerts were given here on the 9th and 15th ult., by the members of the Farnborough Church Choir. The programme on each occasion consisted of a varied selection of solos, duets, part-songs, &c. Mrs. and the Misses Longman and Sir Arthur Mackworth, Bart., kindly assisted the choir with much effect. Conductor, Mr. Kinkee.

GODSTONE .- A Choral Festival and Harvest Thanksgiving Service was lately held in the Church. A full choral service was performed by the various choirs of the neighbourhood (numbering upwards of one hundred voices) with much devotional feeling. Precentor, the Rev. G. T. Hoare, rector; organist, Mr. Kinkee, After the service. Mr. Kinkee, at the request of several of the congregation, performed a selection of pieces on the organ.

Grantham.—An interesting concert was given in this town on the 18th ult., by Mr. H. P. Dickinson's Choir. The first part consisted of Mozart's First Mass, the choruses in which were well sustained, and the general execution denoted a thorough appreciation of the beauties of the work. The second part comprised some excellent ballads, part-songs, and instrumental music, which were very creditably executed. Mr. G. H. Porter, Organist of Louth Parish Church, presided at the harmonium. The proceeds were devoted to a new Organ Fund for St. John's Church, Grantham.

"Rejoice greatly," and Mr. Cross in "Thus saith the Lord" deserve especial mention. The choruses and accompaniments were executed in excellent style throughout. The accompanies were Mr. F. Hidden (Plannofurte), and Mr. W. F. Sheppard (Harmonium). The audience, which filled the hall to overflowing, appeared greatly delighted with the performance; and the concert was a complete success.

ILKLEY, YORKSHIRE.—The first of a series of concerts was given by the students of likley College, on the 8th ult., under the direction of the Principal, E. Sewell, M.A. The programme contained a well-chosen selection of part-songs, by Mendelssohn, Hatton and Barnby, with piano solos, duets and songs. "The Death of Nelson," was rendered with much effect by Mr. Sewell; and a violin solo, of De Beriot's, was delicately executed by Mr. H. B. Sewell. The members of the College choir acquitted themselves most creditably, several of their pieces being re-demanded. The large School-room of the College was filled with the étite of the district, who all appeared delighted with the concert. Mrs. Sewell accompanied the vocal music with taste and judgest to Mr. Sewell, and complimented him on the excellence of the performance.

JERSEY.—The new Church in Royal Crescent, which has recently been erected on the site of the Old Jersey Theatre, was opened on the 21st Oct., a congregation of about 2,000 persons being present on the occasion. The organ, which is a very magnificent one, combines all the latest improvements; the diapason, forming the front, is very richly decorated. The organ itself contains 17 stops; but from the arrangement, would appear to contain more. It has been built at the firm of Allen & Co., 11st, Euston-road, and has given the greatest satisfaction. The services were conducted by Revds. Moyres, Dymond (resident ministers), Revd. Bourne (President of the connexion from London), Revds. Labdon, Lemon, Holland and several others from various denominations in the Island.

Island.

LANDPORT.—The well-arranged programme, for the performance of which Mr. Fleming succeeded in bringing together a band and chorus of 100 performers, attracted. on Tuesday evening, the 26th October, an audience that filled every nook and corner of Clarence-street Chapel, the proceeds being devoted to the funds of that place of worship. The well-organised choir, aided by an excellent orchestra, did ample justice to the familiar, but difficult. choruses of Handel's master-piece, The Messich. The solo vocalists were Miss Fuller, Miss Harris, Messrs. Kiel, Scott, Stephens, and Howe, all of whom were highly efficient in the music allotted to them. The diapsion normal was the pitch used at this concert. Mr. Fleming is deserving of the greatest commendation for the very successful manner in which the entire performance was conducted.

Leeds.—Madlle. Christine Nilsson created an extraordinary effect at her first concert on the 3rd ult, the grand scene from Ambroise Thomas's Hamiet (popularly known as the "mad scene,") having been received by the audience with the utmost enthusiasm. She has also been singing with equal success in selections from the Creation and the Messiah. The choruses were well given by the Leeds Madrigal Society. Mr. Sims Reeves sang in his best style, and Madlle. Drasdil and Signor Foli were also thoroughly successful. Dr. Spark presided at the organ, and played the "Pastoral Symphony" in the Messiah extremely well.

LIVERPOOL.—Mr. T. J. Hughes' Annual Concert was given at the Institute, Mount Street, on Friday, 22nd October, with much success. The first part consisted of a Cantata, by J. Thomas (Pencerdd Gwalla). The Bride of Neuth Yalley. Principal vocalists, Miss Elsie Clifford, Miss Fanny Armstrong, Mr. S. Allen Jones, and Mrs. T. J. Hughes. Harp accompaniment, Mr. Streather: Organ, Mr. T. Welch; Pianoforte, Mr. W. Roberts and Mr. Skart, Chorus, The Birkenhead Cambrian Choral Society; Conductor, Mr. W. Parry. In the second part Mr. Welch played Mendelssohn's Organ Sona'a (No. 4). Miss Fanny Armstrong, in Sullivan's song, will he come; 'Mr. Hughes, in Mr. Brinley Richards s new song, 'Will he come; 'Mr. Hughes, in Mr. Brinley Richards s new song, 'Will he come; 'Mr. Hughes, in Mr. Brinley Richards s new song, 'Will he come; 'Mr. Hughes, in Mr. Brinley Richards s new song, 'Will he come; 'Mr. Hughes, in Mr. Brinley Richards s new song, 'Will he come; 'Mr. Armstrong, in a Serenade by Balfe, were highly effective. Two Duets by Mendelssohn were also excellently sung by the Misses Phillipps.—ON Wednesday evening, the 3rd ult, Miss Helena Fielding gave her second annual Concert at the small Concert Room. St. George's Hall, under the patronage of his worship the Mayor and other distinguished gen lemen. She was assisted by Miss Elsie Clifford, Mr. W. Neale, Mr. Atherton, and Mr. T. J. Hughes voca ists; Mr. Lionel Hargrave, solo violin; and Mr. W. H. Jude, Conductor. Mr. T. J. Hughes sang, with much expression, Franz Keisser's song, 'The Slave,' which was encored. Miss Elsie Clifford was very successful in Meyerbeer's 'Fisher Maiden,' and in the 25th ult, at St. Clifford was very successful in Meyerbeer's 'Fisher Maiden,' and Mr. W. H. Jude, was much admired.——Thr eighth Concert of the Philharmonic Society for the prevent season took place on the 9th ult. The principal work performed was Beethoven's Pastor al Symphony. The overture to Semiramide and the Midsummer Night's Dream, were also given with much effect. The vocal portion

song, by Randegger, accompanied by pianoforte, viole, and violoncello, was received, as it deserved, with much applause; and was excellently interpreted by Madame Vanzini and her accompaniets.—The ninth Subscription Concert (for the year 1869) of the Philharmonic Society took place on the 23rd ult., the principal artists being Madlle Christine Nilsson, Madlle. Drasdil. Signor Gardoni, and Signor Foli. In this concert, the chief vocal interest was excited by the wonderful declamation of Madlle. Nilsson in the great "Ophelia" scene, from Ambroise Thomas's opera of Hamlet; but Madlle. Drasdil sang very finely a song by Benedict "I murmur not," and, with Signor Gardoni, the Trovatore duct, "Si la stanchezza m' opprime." Signor Foli was highly successful in his songs: and Madlle. Nilsson and Signor Gardoni sang a duet from Ernami most charmingly. The principal instrumental work was Haydn's ever welcome Signoirs of No 10 in E fiat, which went excellently, as did also Cherubini's overture to Medea, and Weber's to Preciosa. The choral members of the Society gave two very agreeable part-songs. "In this hour," by Pinsuti; and "Parting gleams," by Sullivan, as well as the "Hunting Chorus" from Haydn's Seasons.

LYNN.—On Friday, the 19th ult., the Philharmonic Society gave the first Concert of the present season. The first part of the programme contained "The Hallelujah," from Beethoven's Engedi, and Weber's Mass in G. The second part was a miscellaneous selection of secular music. Miss Robertine Henderson was the principal soprano, and Mr. W. B. Ling, of Peterborough Cathedral, the tenor.

Malvebn.—The Choral Society, with a full band, numbering upwards of sixty performers, gave its first concert on the 15th ult. The selection of music was of a much higher order than has been the rule here; and the interpretation of it was highly creditable. All the instrumental and vocal performers were local. Mr. Langdon (who organised the scheme) conducted, and Mrs. Langdon and Mr. Haynes accompanied.

MANCHESTER.—The Cheetham Town Hall Subscription Concerts commenced on the 1st ult. The first part of the programme consisted of sacred music, and included, "Then round about," the air, "Return, 1) God of Hosts," (well sung by Miss Tomlinson) and the chorus "To dust his glory." Dr. Henry Hiles' new song "The Hebrew Mother," was also given by Miss Clelland with much pathos. The second part consisted of part-songs, choruses, duets, and songs. The chorus consists of about 40 or 50 well-trained voices, conducted by Mr. Henry Walker.

Morley.—On Saturday evening, the 6th ult., a Musical Entertainment, entitled "A Leisure Hour," was given at the Temperance Hail, by Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Ryder. The programme was selected from various operas, and also included airs from the Creation. The Hall was well attended. Mr. and Mrs. Ryder were highly successful in their vocal solos, some of which were unanimously encored. The Concert gave much satisfaction to all present.

NEWFORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—Mr. J. L. Mew, R.A.M., gave the first Concert of the season at the Volunteer Drill Hall, on the 2nd ult., which was very fashionably attended. Amongst the concerted instrumental pieces, calling for the greatest amount of praise, were Beethoven's trio in 6 (exceedingly well played by Messrs. Mew, J. L. Gubbins, and the Revd. W. H. Nutter,) and Schumann's Quintet, (Messrs. Mew, Gubbins, Way, Pring, and J. L. Read). Mr. Mew also played with much brilliancy Weber's "Concertstück." with orchestral accompaniments, and Leybach's Somanbula. The Revd. W. H. Nutter sang "Non e ver," in a most artistic manner, and Mr. Roche was enthusiastically encored in the "Death of Nelson" Milss Christian, R.A.M., sang splendidly, and was encored in each of her songs.

Newport (Mon.)—A Subscription Concert, under distinguished parronage, was given at the Victoria H-II, on the 4th ult., the commodious building being well filled. The services of Madame Lemmens-Sherrington, Mdlle. José Sherrington, Madame Patey, Messrs. Nelson Varley, Patey, Chevalier Lemmens, and Mr. King Hall were secured. A selection from Gounod's Faust, with several songs, ballads, &c., was very well rendered and received. Mr. Hall was Pianist, and Chevalier Lemmens won a hearty recall for his solo upon the Mustel Organ.

PECKHAM.—Mr. Charles E. Fry's New Entertainment, "An Evening with Shakspeare," was again given with great success on the 25th ult, at St. Mary's College. Mr. Fry's most successful efforts were as before, the "Closet Scene" from Homlet, and a Scene with Falstaff, from Henry IV., in both of which he was warmly applauded. Madame Emmeline Cole sang "Orpheus with his l-te," with great refinement and expression, and, upon being recalled, substituted "Where the bes sucks," with even greater success. Mr. Stedman sang "Sigh no more, ladies," with much feeling; and Mr. Beale was very successful in "O mi-tress mine." Mr. Albert Lowe played an Overture, and Mendelssohn's "W. dding March," with much effect, and also accompanied with considerable delicacy.

PLUMSTEAD.—On the 16th ult., an excellent concert was given in the large Central School, in aid of the Organ Fund of St. Margarets (Pari-h) Church. The principal vocalists were Miss Banche Reeves, Miss Philipine Siedle, Miss Julie Siedle, Mr. Strangward, and Mr. Hammond; accompanists, Miss Mascall and Mr. Kettle, organist of the church. Miss Reev-s sang with much effect the aria "With verdure clad." and was encored in her songs in the second part. The Misses Siedle and Mr. Strangward were

also highly successful in all their solo music, and Mr. Hammond received much applause for his rendering of "The Village Blacksmith," with harmonium accompaniment, by Mr. Kettle. Several part-songs were given by the choir, the "Murche aux Flambeaux," was well played, as a duet for planoforte and harmonium, by Miss Mascall and Mr. Kettle; and the concert ended with Haydu's comic trio "Maiden Fair," capitally sung by Messrs. Mells, Strangward and Davies.

PLYMOUTH .- The Plymouth Amateur Vocal Associa-PLYMOUTH.—The Plymouth Amateur Vocal Association commenced its third season on the 27th October, with a Concert of great and varied interest. The principal attraction of the programme was Professor Sterndale Bennett's May Queen, the solo vocalists in which were Madame Florence Lancia, Mr. Vernon Rigby, and Mr. Orlando Christian. The work was exceedingly well performed Madame Lancia, in the air, "With the Carol in the Tree." Mr. Vernon Rigby, in "Why do you cruelly frown on and fly me?" and Mr. Christian, in "Tis jolly to hunt," being especially successful. The choruse were creduly and effectively given, the sopranos telling out with much brilliancy in "Wake with a smile, O month of May," with which the Cantaia opens. The Second Part was miscellaneous, and included several solos for the vocalists already named, some of which were encored. Mr. F. N. Lönr conducted with much ability, Mr. Henry Reed led the band, and Mr. Hannaford made an excellent accompanist at the Planoforte.

READING .- The new Operetta by Mr. Birch, Eveleen. READING.—The new Operetta by Mr. Birch, Eveleen, the Rose of the Vale. was produced on the 21st October, at the Town Hall, with complete success. A local paper speaks in the highest terms of the merit of the mule. The principal vocalists were Miss Fanny Heywood. Mr. W. Hawley, and Mr. Theodore Distin. Mr. Birch conducted his own composition, the reception of which would justify the hope that at no very distant period the work may be heard upon the stage.

SALISBURY,—The Members of the "Sarum Choral Society" have presented Mr. J. E. Richardson, the Cathedral Organist, with a handsome silver teapot, bearing a suitable inscription, in recognition of the valuable services he has rendered the Society as conductor, a post he has honourably occupied for a period of twenty years, and from which he has just retired.

SHEFFIELD —The musical season opened here on the lat ult. with the first of a series of orchestral concerts, given by Mr. Fre-mantle, in the Music Hall. The programme contained some choice orchestral and concerted pieces of different schools and periods, combined with some excellent vocal music. The band, which consisted chiefly of members of Mr. Charles Hailé sorchestra, was throughout the svening most efficient. Mr. Hes was leader, and delighted the andience by his rendering of the Andante and Rondo Russe from De Beriol's second concerto. Miss Pa-kes also did ample justice to the solo parts allouted to her. The vocal portion of the programme was soly sustained by Miss Vinta. The attendance was numerous.—Ox the 11th ult., the Sheffield Choral Union gave the first of a seeles of Oratorios in the Music Hall. The work chosen on the occasion was Eight. The principals were Madame Lemmens-Sherrington, Miss Sherrington, Mrs. Patey, Mr. Nel on Varley, and Mr. J. Pa'ey, and the Oratorio was directed by Mr. R. S. Burton, the able conductor of the S-ciety, Mons, Lemmens officiating as organist. The members of the Union render d the choruses with much precision and effect. The Concert was a great success, many persons being unable to obtain admission. Sheffield -The musical season opened here on the

-A Concert was given at the Literary Institute on the let ult. Miss Mabel Brent, Mr. Booth, Mr. Mellor, and Mr. Christian were very effective in several vocal solor; and Messes. Darby, Peach, and Ogilwy gave voluble ait in the glees and parsongs. Some of the "Orpheus" glees were exceedingly well rendered. Mr. Edmund Rogers, of Holy Trinity, Windsor, was the accompanist.

Southampton.—A very excellent concert was lately liven by Mr. Ellis Roberts t e well-known harpist at the Hartley given by Mr. Ellis Roberts I. a weil-known marpise as the Land-Hall, bef-re an inconveniently crowdel assembly. Mr. Roberts was assisted by Mi-s Glaus file and Miss Newton, who gave several vocal solo- with much off ct. As may be expected, the great feature of the evening was the harp playing of Mr. Roberts, who was received in all his per-fermances with the warnest applause, his second piece, "Recollections of Erin," displaying his talents his second piece, "Reco with remarkable success.

SOUTH NORWOOD.—The Musical Society gave a success ful performance of Elijah on Monday, the 15th ut. under the direction of Mr. W. J. Westbrook. Ar. Ba ten sang the part of the Prophet with much effect, although he was evidently suff-ring from hoarseness. The remaining parts were efficiently filled by Mis Susanna Cole, Miss Whitaker, Miss Laura Manvell, and Mr. Phil by Phillips. The choral music was excellently sung, the chain of Baal choruses, "Toanks be to God". Be not afraid, "and "He watching o er Isriel," being the most heavily appreciated of all the The concert was thoroughly satisfactory and reflected the highest credit upon the Society.

STAFFORD -A Concert in aid of the Staffordshire STAFFORD—A Concert in and of the Staffordshire County Informary was given in the Shire Hall, on the 28th October. The artists engaged on the occasion were Miss Enrily Smythe, Miss Anvon, Messrs, W. Costes and Brandon. The concert, which was well attended, was a decided success, a sum of nearly £99 having been handed over to the fund by R. P. dmore, E-q., Mayor, who acted as treasurer.—The Choral Society, which has not met for two scasons, has once more been organized, and promises to be quite

successful, Handel's Messiah being the work chosen for practice. Mr. Edwin Shargool is again the conductor, and Mr. Liuter, leader. Some fifty members have been already enrolled, and many more are expected. It is anticipated that eventually a music-hall suitable for concert purposes will be provided, the town being limited to the Shire Hall, a building not at all adapted for the diffusion of sound.

St. Leonards .- The magnificent structure known as St. Leonards.—The magnificent structure known as St. Paul's Church was consecrated on the 21st October, by the Lord Bishop of Chichester. The service commenced with a Processional Hymn, "We love the place, O God," which was well sung by a full choir and about sixty clergymen. After the Chancellor had read the sentences of consecration, and the Bishop, having pronounced the work formally and legally done, had attached his signature to the deed, the choir and congregation chanted the 84th. 122nd and 132nd Psalms. The Anthem (the composition of Mr. Abrams, the organist) was followed by the "Hallelpiah Chorus" Mr. Abrams' Anthem was extremely effective; and the duct with which it commences was given with much feeling by Messrs. Moore and James. The metrical Psalms were 84th and 100th, new version, sung to St. Stephen and Old Hundredth. 84th and Hundredth.

Sydney.—The Ninth Musical Soirée of the New South Wales Civil Service was given on the 7th September. at the Masonic Hall. The principal attraction in the programme was Barnett's Cantata. The Ancient Mariner, which, considering that most of the vocalists were amateurs, was excellent y performed. It was scored for the Society's orchestra by Mr. Callen, who ably conducted the work. The first part contained a good selection of vocal music, all of which was most effectively rendered. The planoforte accompaniments were played by Mr. Stanley.—Mr. A. Anderson, a native planist of merit, who r'cently returned from Europe, where he had been studying under Pauer and Dr. Bennett, has given an excellent concert at the School of Arts, under vicergal patronage. The hall was filled to overflowing, and the playing of Mr. Anderson was much admired. Mr. John Hill also performed at this concert on the violin, and su-tained his reputation as a musical of great attainments.—The performance la ely given by Mr. Fisher's choir was largely patronised. Rossini's grand Mass is in course of rehearsal by a number of local amateurs, under the directorship of Mr. Cordner, who will have the credit of being the first to produce this work in Australia.

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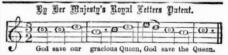
TRALEE.—The Tralee Amateur Musical Society inau-TRALEE.—Ine Tralee Amateur Musical Society inau-gurated its autumn session with an interesting concert on the 3rd ult., in the Corn exchange. An excellent programme was provided, and many of the pieces were performed in a manner which would have reflected credit on professional artists. The concert was opened with Arthur Su livan's quartett, "O hush thee my bable." Special mention must be made of the singing of Master Bary Gil-holy, who displayed a good voice, and was highly successful in all his vocal soles. Mr. Michael Butter (who possesses an excellent tenor voice), Mr. M'Grath, the Misses Smith and Miss Wall-ce are also worthy of commendation. The concert was conducted by Mr. Henry C. Gilholy (organist of Tralee Church), who de erves much credit for the state of efficiency to which he has brought the Choral Society under his direction.

TRURO.—In consequence of the great success of Dr. Bennett's Cantata The May Queen, given at the recent Musical Festival here (conducted by Mr. H. G. Trembath, Mus. Bac., Oxon.) the members of the ochestra have, by general request formed themselves into a Society for the practice and performance of secular music. At the preliminary meetinz, held on Monday evening, the 15th ult., it was decided that Barnett's Ancient Mariner should be given at the first concert.

Wanstead.-The second season of the Wanstead Musical Union commenced on the 8th ult., when the members met, at the residence of Alderman Finnis, to practise Dr. S. Bennett's May Queen. The hon. conductor is W. G. Brighten, Esq.

May Queen. The hon, conductor is W. G. Brighten, Esq. WINDSOR.—The Windsor and Eton Choral Society gave a performance of Haydn's Creation, in the Town Hall, on Monday evening the 22nd ult, under distinguished patronage. Miss Banks, Mr. T. Hunt and Mr. Orlando Christian were the principal artists, all of whom were highly successful in their various parts. "With verdure clad" (sung by Miss Banks). "In Native worth" (by Mr. Hunt), and "Now Heav'n in fullest glory shone" (by Mr. Christian), were loudly applauded, as was also the duet, "Graceful Consort," The band and chorus of 70 performers, were under the direction of Dr. G. J. Elvey.

Organ Appointments.—Mr. T. A. Burton, Organist of the Parish Church, Tetbury, to St. Peter's, Bournemouth.—Mr. H. Golden Read, Organist and Cholimaster of All Saints', Newing-ton, to St. Mary's, Southwark.



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